

FACTOR

Connecting with each other

BIETZ BYLINE

I have a great deal of excitement about the beginning of a six-month strategic planning process that we began on June 17 and 18. The Cabinet went to Fletcher, North Carolina, where we spent two days with Joanne Soliday and Joretta Nelson of Performa. Performa Higher Education is a national consulting firm that works almost exclusively with small, private colleges. Our work with them will provide us with an outline of how to advance our mission as we look to the future. They will be doing a significant amount of research with all of our constituencies to help us develop a clear picture of our optimum future. Thursday, August 20 will bring the Performa team to Southern to conduct on-campus research.

I played golf for the first time in over a year the other day. It was very hot and nine holes was about the best I could do. For the first time in my very short, inept golf career, I got a score under 100. That is not 100 for nine holes, but under 100 if I would have played 18 and kept up the same pace. I shot a “mostly honest” 47 for the nine. Sunday, June 21 was my daughters’ birthday. It was 37 years ago that Cynthia and I received the double blessing of Gina and Julie and we continue to be blessed by them. I spent the weekend with my daughter in Nashville (Julie) and the grandchildren. I also dusted off my bike and rode it, and wouldn’t you know it, I had completed the ride, had stopped by the house, and was slow getting my feet out of the clips on the pedals—and fell over. I think I bruised some ribs! I either should ride more often and get more practice or stick to the gym.

Thursday I leave for Israel for a week at the archeology dig site (Khirbet Qeiyafa) that Southern will be working on this summer. My brother is joining me on this trip.

~ Gordon Bietz

A NEW START FOR PATTEN RESIDENTS

Elise Harboldt, senior nursing major, had a dream of helping the residents of Patten Towers (a low-income high-rise in downtown Chattanooga) learn new ways to care for their health.

Elise, along with Emily Fisher, junior nursing major, Heather Glass, '09, and Diana Santos, '07, decided to create their own health retreat for some of the residents to attend.

During the retreat, Elise and the others gave PowerPoint presentations on natural health principles and helped the women start applying them to their lives.

“For them, walking for the sake of exercising was a new thing,” says Diana. “One of the simple things we did was just walk with them on the trails in the fresh air and sunshine.”

When the women returned home, they were given a retreat cookbook that had the recipes for many of the meals that were prepared during their week away.

“We all learned a lot during this week,” says Elise. “This experience also reminded me of God’s faithfulness to provide the resources we need as we step out in faith to work for Him.”

NEW RESEARCH JOURNAL

The School of Education and Psychology published Southern’s first *Journal of Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research*.

Robert Coombs had the idea for the journal three years ago after he attended a workshop that introduced the process of producing and publishing an undergraduate journal at the university level.

“I hope this journal will clearly communicate that academics are a priority at our university,” he says. “We believe that Southern produces outstanding students and that we should provide opportunities to recognize their talents and abilities.”

COMING EVENTS

Recharge Pastoral Study Retreat

Sunday, July 5- Thursday, July 16

JumpStart

Monday, July 20- Friday, July 24

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person:

Southern Adventist Students Headed to Afghanistan
WDEF News Channel 12, May 28

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Kristin Welch-Murphy to Student Finance

Christina Nelson to Student Finance

Mindi Rahn to History

Tara Hargrove to Journalism and Communication

Michael Dant to Computing

Rebeca Clay-Flores to Chaplain's Office

Marty Miller to Education and Psychology

Verna Dickerson to the Village Market

Tami Wery to Records

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Sean Johnson from Student Finance

Oneita Turner from Social Work and Family Studies

Amber Keefe from the Village Market

Octavio Ramirez from Social Work and Family Studies

Anita Gonsalez from Social Work and Family Studies

Michelle Snow from Social Work and Family Studies

Kimberly Bishop from Social Work and Family Studies

Brenda DeGrave from the Village Market

Best wishes to these employees in their new positions:

Fred McClanahan to finance counselor in Student Finance

Ryan Herman to assistant director of Admissions

Jason Merryman to director of Student Finance

Jackie James to associate director of Recruitment

Ginger Cheney to applications manager in Admissions

Ingrid Skantz to director of Marketing and University Relations

Michael (Kim) Mehlenbacher to projects in Plant Services

Wendel Adams to instructor in Technology

Ann Larsen to head of salad department

Jan Nash to full time in Cafeteria

Judy Crabtree to salad department in Cafeteria

Brian Laneville to full time in Cafeteria

VOICE AND PEN

Patricia Beaman attended the North American Serials Interest Group conference held in Asheville, North Carolina, on June 4-7. The theme was "Riding the Rapids Through a Mountain of Change."

Katie McGrath attended the Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, June 4-7. This is a series of workshops and performances that develop professional presentation skills, encourage networking, and showcase quality event planning and implementation.

As president elect for the ASDAL (Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians), **Joe Mocnik** served as conference chair for the yearly ASDAL conference at Andrews University which took place June 20-25. **Marge Seifert**, **Stan Cottrell**, and **Genevieve Cottrell** presented "Teaming up to Meet the Challenge: The Southern Experience" at the ASDAL conference on June 25. This presentation focused on how Southern librarians are using innovative strategies to meet the changing needs of our library patrons.

As a part of continued professional development, **McKee Library** staff including **Joe Mocnik**, **Marge Seifert**, **Patricia Beaman**, **Frank DiMemmo**, **Shirley Bennett**, **Ron Miller**, **Stanley Cottrell**, **Jennifer Huck**, **Dan Maxwell**, and **Carol Harrison** visited the Georgia Tech Library on June 10. They toured the facility and shadowed their counterparts to make connections and glean ideas from other professionals.

Fred Turner attended the School Building Expo in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on June 2-4. The expo is host to the spring meeting of the American Institute of Architect's Committee on Architecture for Education, a gathering of the active thought leaders in educational facilities design.

Octavio Ramirez organized a marriage enrichment weekend at Southern Adventist University for 15 couples from Collegedale and local communities on May 22 and 23. He also conducted a week of prayer in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, June 7-13.

Linda Crumley, **Octavio Ramirez**, and **Gary Jones** presented a paper at the Spirituality and Religion Conference on June 19 at Loyola University. The title was, 'I'd like to say I got to know God there, but . . . I got to know Satan' and 'Diverse Effects on Spirituality among Former Residents of a Faith-Based Residential Facility'.

VOICE AND PEN, Cont.

Greg A. King spoke at the Indiana Campmeeting on the campus of Indiana Academy, June 8-13. He gave both the morning sermon series and afternoon seminar, speaking on the life of Jesus.

Ray Hefferlin presented “Navigating a Four-Dimensional Periodic System of Diatomic Molecules” at the Conference on Mathematics, Chemistry, and Computing in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on June 10. On June 15, he presented “Periodic Systems of Diatomic and Triatomic Molecules” at the University of Tirana in Tirana, Albania.

Stephen Bauer spoke for the Gulf States campmeeting. He presented morning seminars on the Holy Spirit and afternoon seminars on forgiveness.

Mark Turk recently received his Certified Fire Inspector 1 recertification from the State of Tennessee and the National Fire Protection Association.

Rob Raney was installed as the new president of the Chattanooga Downtown Lions Club. He also received the Lion of the Year award.

PERSONAL NEWS

Bryce and Jennifer (Stotz) Enevoldson were married on June 4.

Pegi Flynt, Kim Sturm, and Cindi Young completed the Danskin Women’s Triathlon at Disney World.

HATS OFF!

Congratulations to Joy McKee for arranging for the university to host meetings on campus for the top management team of VW. I’m sure we’ll see more of them thanks to the team that made their stay a delight: Sharon Robberson, Sherri Schoonard and her great staff, the outdoor leadership team, Chamra Anthony, Sandra Twombly, the housekeeping team, and others.

~ Chris Carey

Many thanks to the President’s Office, Social Work and Family Studies Department, and my Southern family for the lovely fruit and goody basket as well as all the prayers, calls, best wishes, and flowers I have received as I recover from bilateral knee joint replacement surgery. ~ Judie Port

Many thanks to the faculty and students who helped with the graduate photo shoot on Tuesday, June 16. Special thanks to Melodie Lopez, Carl Swafford, Mikhaile Spence, Asti Conibear, Freddy Fuentes, Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez, Darlene Karst, Wesley Taylor, Colleen Mitchell, Mike Hills, Susan Brown, Mary Anne Poulson, Edwin Reynolds, Cindy McBryar, graduate assistants Daniel Olson, Katie Browne, and Elida Pacheco, and student worker Buddy Summitt.

~ Laurie Gauthier

BIRTHDAYS

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| July 4 | Roger Anderson, <i>Plant Services</i> Carmen Jaecks, <i>Information Systems</i> Laraine Murray, <i>Campus Shop</i> |
| July 6 | Jeremy Moore, <i>Counseling and Testing</i> |
| July 8 | Steve Cash, <i>Landscape Services</i> Michelle Snow, <i>Social Work and Family Studies</i> Sandra Tucker, <i>Records and Advisement</i> |
| July 9 | Michael Hills, <i>Education and Psychology</i> |
| July 10 | Scott Ball, <i>Music</i> |
| July 12 | Paul Roy, <i>Technology</i> Shirley Holstein, <i>Village Market</i> Midge Phibbs, <i>Counseling and Testing</i> |
| July 13 | James Eason, <i>Village Market</i> Jeff Erhard, <i>Talge Hall</i> |
| July 14 | Richard Strickland, <i>Plant Services</i> Leslie Evenson, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> |
| July 15 | Rosina Carr, <i>Thatcher Hall</i> |
| July 16 | Ben Wygal, <i>President’s Office</i> |
| July 17 | Gary Horinouchi, <i>Audio Visual</i> Danny Ford, <i>Plant Services</i> Ed Lucas, <i>Energy Management</i> Jan Wittenberg, <i>Accounting Services</i> |
| July 18 | Ivan Delgado, <i>Academic Technology</i> |
| July 20 | Josh Rhodes, <i>Information Systems</i> Joni Zier, <i>Records and Advisement</i> |
| July 22 | Kerry Allen, <i>Nursing</i> Kim Sturm, <i>Plant Services</i> |
| July 23 | Debbie Case, <i>Food Services</i> Lauree Fogg, <i>Counseling and Testing</i> |
| July 25 | Barb Brooks, <i>Records and Advisement</i> Jon Wentworth, <i>Business and Management</i> Todd Wever, <i>Landscape Services</i> |
| July 27 | Mark Antone, <i>Landscape Services</i> Sharon Rogers, <i>Records and Advisements</i> |
| July 29 | Bonnie Freeland, <i>Nursing</i> Dwayne Gardner, <i>Plant Services</i> Doug Penner, <i>Music</i> |

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